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SUBJECT: IRISH RESPONSE: G-4 FRAMEWORK RESOLUTION ON UN REFORM

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Classified By: DCM Jonathan Benton for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) On July 8, DCM delivered reftel talking points to Irish Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) UN Counsellor John Deady. Deady said that while the GOI favors comprehensive UN reform, the regional exclusion currently in the UNSC permanent member structure undermines the legitimacy of the institution and must be addressed. Deady said that the GOI appreciates the criteria recommended by the USG for new members of the UNSC but added that Ireland is unconcerned about disconnecting UNSC expansion from broader UN reform. He noted that any decision on the planned G-4 General Assembly resolution would require a long ratification process and that it would have little impact. He added that the GOI position on the G-4 resolution would be determined at the political level and would be conveyed to the Irish Mission in New York by July 11.

2. (C) Deady remarked that the GOI supports any approach to reform that "reflects a strong political commitment to a strong and effective UN." Deady listed the GOI's main reform objectives as peace and security, a recommitment to the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs), improved management, and making the Human Rights Commission a principal body of the UN. Deady also emphasized the GOI's interest in a Peace-building Commission as a subsidiary of the UNSC with ECOSOC involvement to oversee joint peace-keeping operations. The GOI, moreover, has concerns with regard to the management of the UN Secretariat and the ability of the Secretary General to control his office without outside

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interference and micromanagement.
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